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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8039

BILL NUMBER: SB 350

DATE PREPARED: Apr 5, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Apr 5, 2001

SUBJECT: Special Group Recognition License Plate Program.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill authorizes the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to adopt rules to establish requirements for participation in the special group recognition license plate program. It specifies that when a petition containing certain information is submitted to the Bureau, the Bureau may issue to the members of the special group a special group recognition license plate.

The bill also authorizes no more than 20% of the money in the Stewardship Account of the Indiana Heritage Trust Fund to be used for the promotion of the purposes of the Indiana Heritage Trust program.

Effective Date: (Amended) July 1, 2001; January 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill removes the three provisions regarding the creation and issuance of a special group recognition license plate. In addition, the bill authorizes the Bureau to adopt rules to establish requirements for participation in the special group recognition license plate program. Furthermore, it codifies the current policy of the BMV regarding the issuance of special recognition license plates. The impact of the bill likely will reduce the BMV costs associated with the issuance of special group recognition license plates. It also provides for more control by the BMV of issuing special recognition license plates. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

The provision addressing the Heritage Trust Fund will impact the Stewardship Account of the Indiana Heritage Trust Fund. Current statute limits to 10% the amount of the Stewardship Account that may be used for the promotion of the purposes of the Indiana Heritage Trust program. This bill increases the limit to 20%.

Money in the Stewardship Account may be used for the following purposes:

A) Maintenance of property acquired.

B) Costs of removal of structures, debris, and other property that is unsuitable for the intended use of the property to be acquired.

- C) Costs of site preparation related to any of the following:
- (I) The public use of the property, such as fences, rest rooms, public ways, trails, and signs.
 - (ii) Protecting or preserving the property's natural environment.
 - (iii) Returning the property to the property's natural state.
- D) Promotion of the purposes of the Indiana Heritage Trust program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: